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HEREWITH FULL TEXT REUTER ITEM 195 RUN JUNE 12, 1974:

QUOTE--RNR 195 WATERGATE - ATTACK, WASHINGTON, JUNE 12  
REUTER - VICE PRESIDENT GERALD FORD JOINED TODAY IN AN  
ADMINISTRATION ATTACK ON THE HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE  
FOR ALLEGEDLY RELEASING CALCULATED LEAKS AGAINST  
SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY KISSINGER.

THE WHITE HOUSE SUGGESTED THAT THE LEAKS ABOUT DR.  
KISSINGER'S ROLE IN THE 1969 WIRETAPPING OF GOVERNMENT  
OFFICIALS AND JOURNALISTS ENTIRELY JUSTIFIED THE  
ADMINISTRATION'S CASE THAT THE COMMITTEE SHOULD OPEN TO  
THE PUBLIC IMMEDIATELY ITS IMPEACHMENT HEARINGS.

MR. FORD TOLD REPORTERS THAT WHAT HE DESCRIBED AS THE  
ATTACKS ON DR. KISSINGER WERE BEING MADE BY "FACELESS  
ACCUSERS THROUGH THE PROCESS OF LEAK."

"I FEEL VERY STRONGLY THAT THE LEAK PROCESS IN THE HOUSE  
COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY IS A VERY STRONG ARGUMENT  
FOR THE NECESSITY OF THAT COMMITTEE OPENING UP ITS  
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HEARINGS AND LETTING THE PUBLIC SEE FIRST HAND, NOT

THROUGH THE LEAK PROCESS, THE INFORMATION THAT THEY

ARE GETTING," HE SAID.

DR. KISSINGER THREATENED YESTERDAY AT A NEWS CONFERENCE IN SALZBURG, AUSTRIA, TO RESIGN UNLESS HE RECEIVED A VOTE OF CONFIDENCE TO CLEAR HIM OF ALLEGATIONS THAT HE LIED ABOUT THE WIRETAPS.

THE VICE PRESIDENT, IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION, SAID HE THOUGHT IT WOULD BE "CATASTROPHIC" IF DR. KISSINGER WERE TO RESIGN.

PRESIDENTIAL POLITICAL COUNSELLOR DEAN BURCH TOLD THE SAME GROUP OF REPORTERS: "IT IS A SHAME THAT DR. KISSINGER WAS TO BE BLOODIED IN THIS MATTER BY CALCULATED COMMITTEE LEAKS--AND THE TIMING COULD NOT BE WORSE."

HE DESCRIBED THE ALLEGED LEAKS FROM THE HOUSE COMMITTEE AS TRAGIC AND ADDED THAT EVEN AS DR. KISSINGER WAS SPEAKING "SOMEBODY WAS SHOVELLING DOCUMENTS OUT THE BACK DOOR."

MR. BURCH SAID THAT REPRESENTATIVE PETER RODINO (DEM-NEW JERSEY), THE CHAIRMAN, APPEARED TO HAVE LOST CONTROL OVER THE COMMITTEE AND SUGGESTED THAT THE COMMITTEE HAD AN OBLIGATION TO "CLEAN ITS OWN HOUSE."

HE CALLED THE IMPEACHMENT INQUIRY A POLITICAL TRIAL.

MR. BURCH SAID IT WOULD BE A TRAGEDY IF DR. KISSINGER WERE DRIVEN FROM OFFICE AND HE HOPED THERE WOULD BE PUBLIC REVULSION TO SUCH A STEP.

ASKED AGAINST WHOM THAT REVULSION WOULD BE DIRECTED, HE SAID THE PRESS "WOULD TAKE A BEATING ON IT ... CERTAINLY THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE WOULD HAVE TO TAKE A BEATING ON IT. RUTERS 1916. END QUOTE. SISCO

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